

## II. Claims

1-12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A retaining device (1) for at least two containers (5, 5'), comprising a basic body (11), where the basic body (11) has an accommodating opening (2), in which the containers (5, 5') can be fixed in a defined removal sequence.

14. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 3 for containers (5, 5') containing materials for sequential use, where the accommodating opening (2) has in each case one mount (4) for at least a first and a second container (5, 5'), and where the accommodating opening (2) is designed such that the first container (5) can only be removed from the accommodating opening (2) after the second container (5') has already been removed.

15. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the basic body (11) consists of an elastic polymer material such that the accommodating opening (2) can be widened elastically for removal of a container (5, 5')

16. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13 having at least two grip surfaces (9).

17. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the accommodating opening (2) is a slot in a basic body (11), and the slot is provided with mounts (4) for enclosing the containers (5, 5').

18. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the accommodating opening (2) has a profiling for securing the containers (5, 5') in a form-fitting manner.

19. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 13, where the basic body (11) has at least one standing surface (10).

20. (New) A retaining device (1) according to claim 14, where the basic body (11) and the mounts (4) are designed such that preliminary opening of the containers (5, 5') is prevented.

21. (New) A container arrangement having at least two containers (5, 5') and a retaining device (1) for accommodating and connecting the containers (5, 5'), where the containers (5, 5') are arranged in the retaining device (1) such that the containers can be removed from the retaining device (1) in a predeterminable sequence.

22. (New) A container arrangement according to Claim 21, characterized in that the retaining device (1) and the containers (5, 5') are designed such that the retaining device (1) accommodates the containers (5, 5') in a form-fitting manner.

23. (New) A container arrangement for accommodating at least two containers (5, 5'), having a retaining device (1) according to claim 13.

24. (New) A container arrangement according to claim 21 wherein a first container (5) is filled with a material for restorative dental work which is only to be used once another material, which is contained in the second container (5'), has been used.